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The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio
Chairman
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Infrastructure
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves,

I am requesting funding for the Randall Avenue Bridge Improvements Project in the upcoming surface transportation reauthorization legislation. The project sponsor is Bristol Township. The bridge is located on Randall Avenue in Bristol, PA 19007.

The funding for the proposed project is designated for major structural improvements to the Randall Avenue Bridge. The Randall Avenue Bridge provides an above-grade crossing over railroad used by Amtrak, Conrail, and the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA). Significant rehabilitation is imperative to improve the safety and functionality of the 102-year-old bridge. The proposed upgrades will allow the bridge to remain open while a complete replacement of the bridge is designed and constructed.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is necessary to make crucial construct improvements to the Randall Avenue Bridge. The bridge has experienced increased deterioration in the last several decades, and the current condition is inadequate to serve the traveling public's needs safely. The Randall Avenue Bridge connects two heavily traveled state highways within Bristol Township and serves as a vital link for Township Emergency Services. Moreover, because the bridge spans a central Amtrak corridor, any emerging issues with the bridge could halt or cause long-term interruptions to rail traffic. Funding is imperative to provide a fully functional and safe Randall Avenue Bridge, which is integral to the Township, emergency personnel, and railway service.

I certify that neither my immediate family nor I have any financial interest in this project. Thank you for your attention and consideration of this request. I look forward to working with you to ensure our nation's critical infrastructure needs are met.

Sincerely,

Brian Fitzpatrick
Member of Congress